

Imagine Austin Priority Program survey results: other priority ideas

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Comments Regarding Food	
Social Justice	Ensure all persons have access to quality healthcare, food, housing, education and political processes.
Increase local food production	As peak oil emerges, Austin will need to rely on more local products. Encourage local farmer's market to expand and encourage young people to take up farming as a career.
FOOD	GROCERY STORES IN EAST AUSTIN!!!
Local Food Security	We must have local food security and water security.
Plentiful,Affordable, Sustainable,Safe, Local Food Sources	Public subsidized, local organic farms and ranches.
Sustainable Food System	Make healthy, fresh food easily accessible and affordable all over Austin.
Create a Sustainable and Accessible Local Food System	
Strengthen our local food system	Austin is an innovative and progressive city rich with land resources. We have the opportunity to become a healthier and more environmentally sustainable city by encouraging and supporting the production and consumption of fresh, healthy produce. Let's support our local farms and save space and offer support for community gardens.
Local Food Initiative	Emphasize a local food initiative to show that Austin prioritizes food as an basic life need that can be largely supplied to all from within the region if the City establishes goals, creates a policy framework, and identifies specific actions to strengthen the region's food system in a sustainable and secure way. This topic fits in many categories, and should have it's own top level tab rather than being buried in Health.
Sustainable Food System	Support of local and sustainable agriculture in the Austin region; promotion of healthy eating.
Local Food Systems	Incorporate the recommendations made by the Sustainable Food Policy Board in order to secure a local food safety net for the City. What I like: Austin's conscious consumerism; music venues/free music; lots of social activities; local food/drinks and businesses; improvements in public transit. What could be better: More efficient public transportation- like London! More promotion and education about local, social, environmentally conscious consumers-- big chains out!
Promote sustainable local food production and preserve farm land.	
Turn Austin Healthy and Organic and self sufficient.	-Educate people about genetically modifies food. -Get it out of the schools and hospitals. -eat more local
All Responses	
Sustainability	These are not priorities to choose between; these are all must-do priorities for Austin. The point is how to blend them. We need to do them all, that is sustainability.
Building Codes, Neighborhood Plans	Enforce existing building codes; honor neighborhood plans.
Combat Poverty by creating more jobs with livable wages.	
Foster Participatory Democracy	Improve citizen participation in our city, county, state, and national governmental processes using more representative districts, online forums, and other measures that foster a diversity of input and decision-making by those most affected by those processes.
Jobs	Create jobs to invest in a thriving creative community
political subdivisions in Austin.	I am against the creating of representative districts in Austin.
Maintain Austin's No-Kill Status	City council should continue supporting and improving our animal welfare infrastructure so Austin can continue to be a national leader in live outcomes from the city shelter.
Business Retention and Expansion	You don't have to create a new economy. Take care of the businesses you already have by seeing what kind of infrastructure (the role of government to begin with)they need to prosper. If you can keep businesses alive and strong you don't have to spend millions of dollars to bring businesses in and give them multi-million dollar tax breaks.
Crime Prevention / Youth Programs	More programs to help you deal with violence, and to develop personally and professionally.

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Public Education for all Students	Public (not private charter) education for all kinds of students. Re-establishment of technical high schools to serve those gifted students who would not qualify for or proper in college. No segregated schools, even by sex. Restoration and expansion of programs in the arts, classical academics and natural sciences. Test locally, not by contract with for-profit out-of-state contractors.
Improved Public Transportation	Light rail on existing tracks, smaller more frequent buses, more bike and pedestrian paths, trams/dillos in congested areas
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Diversity and Inclusion	Work on diversity initiatives, specifically related to African Americans living, working, and recreating in Austin.
STOP WASTEFUL PROJECTS	Such as the WTP4. Bad for the economy, bad for the environment, bad for the community, who will end up paying nearly a billion for this insane mistake.
Connect bike lanes throughout city	Austin boasts it's bike lanes, but those that bike know the awful truth about Austin's disconnected bike segments. There are many short segments of nice bike lanes, but they all end too quick and kick bikes into car traffic. No matter the laws about sharing the road, it is too dangerous to bike across Austin. I have to commute by car. Build more dedicated bike lanes, please.
Social Justice	Ensure all persons have access to quality healthcare, food, housing, education and political processes.
Enhance East Sixth	Fix the sidewalks
Renewable Energy aka Distributed Generation	Educating the Austin public on the advantages of photovoltaic electric distributed generation and other locally acceptable renewable energy generation methods such as wind energy.
Mass rapid-transit	Accelerated construction of light & commuter rail, plus investigate the possibility of a subway.
Increase Protection and preservation of heritage trees, preserves and creeks (from trails)	
Austin Established	Actively seek community input from minorities, local and small businesses, and low/ mid-income residents (of which a large percentage are native austinites) who have been left behind. It is understandable that a city would cater to its financial base, but at what cost. A city able to keep a sense of community while achieving economic growth is difficult and subsequently rare. Promote Austin as an unique cultural center, promote its identity, everywhere. Austin's heritage can be weaved into our growth so that we make an integrated city of inclusion.
Increase local food production	As peak oil emerges, Austin will need to rely on more local products. Encourage local farmer's market to expand and encourage young people to take up farming as a career.
Respect Neighborhood Plans	Citizen VOLUNTEERS spent a great deal of time and effort to craft these plans---- sometimes at the expense of relationships with neighbors---- so they should be incorporated into IA as is.
Plan for the future	Recycling, Waste Management, Tree Planting, Aquafier Preservation, New Energy ideas and City Security w/ budget management.
Resonable and Responsible Government	We need to spend money where we need it only (police, fire, etc., some basic city services like libraries, building inspections, etc.) and stop spending it on feel-good projects (new community centers in areas that already have one, etc.) and stop paying consultants to rethink our decisions (review of WTP4).
Integrated Social Service Network	A system whereby those in need could have easy access to social services and others types of assistance.
More options, resources and initiatives for people with disabilities	
Audit through city permits housing square footage	The city needs income and many houses have added square footage without a permit so these homeowners are not paying their fair share of taxes as well as cheating the city.
Lower Property Taxes	Quit trying to find ideas to spend more tax dollars and even back off on existing programs. Live within your current budget for the next 20 years.
preserve historic austin	History does not belong to just the rich. There are too many houses of everyday citizens that are being lost. Historic neighborhoods are disappearing that once provided affordable housing.
Lower City Taxes	To much taxpayers waste by City Council on studies performed by outside consultants on Austin Projects. Water Rate increases on Utilities especially water rates for those that conserve water and are penalized regardless of water conservation efforts.
Curb Sprawl	Encourage sensible densification, discourage sprawl
Fiscal Responsibility	Conserve financial resources to ensure reductions in deficits, shrinking consultant fees and increased rainy-day reserves for our future.
Move truck flow off IH 35	Make IH 35 a toll road and allow trucks free access to the I 30 toll road. Manage the downtown traffic for peak hours by diverting large trucks away from the major corridors.

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Fit your priorities within Austin's existing land development code	All of these vague goals can be accomplished within the existing land development code, which represents an understanding under which austinites purchased their homes businesses and other real investments.
Complete Freeway System / SH45 Southwest	Need to Complete the SH 45 Loop system between I-35 and Hwy 290 West in the South. This would be a Parkway with no entrances or exits except at the terminus. Too much traffic is coming into Central Austin when it could be traveling around the City on the SH45 Loop. This will reduce congestion and reduce AIR POLLUTION.
Incorporate Permaculture	Permaculture principles should be in every aspect of city planning. Buildings should be aligned to catch the prevailing (southwest) wind and to maximize shade, yet we see parking lots on the southwest side of businesses, unshaded and baking the customers. Homes should be planned with covered porches (reduce A/C and elect. load) and with tree cover. Austin Permaculture Guild is a resource. It is so basic that not using these guidelines is ruining the landscape of Austin and squandering our money.
City Growth Strategy	Create a clear strategy for growth of the city that takes into account all aspects of urban and semi-urban development, from infrastructure to better use of available land and assured water resources, not to leave out growth of renewable energy and ravming of the decrepit system of transportation based on own vehicles.
Basic Fire, Police and EMS Service	Assure the basics are covered
Funny Farm	to keep nut off the streets
Fairly Compensate City of Austin Employees	The City Manager is happy that Austin has been named the best city in the nation. He needs to pay all his city employees the same, police, fire, ems and non civil service employees. Stop having to two classes of city employees. Next he need to give us a real pay raise 6% to 9% and not raise all our health and dental plan cost. Its time for him to take care of those who he has balanced his budgets off of our backs for the last three years.
Road Improvements	Stop eliminating automotive traffic lanes (and narrowing traffic lanes) and replaceing them with bicycle lanes.
Strive for Energy Independence	Support our long term renewable energy plan so Austin can be one of the first cities to reach energy self sufficiency.
Sustainability	Limit Austin's population growth. No longer subsidize companies to relocate workers. Aggressive ad compaign to dissuade relocation.
Protect Local Businesses	Provide incentives for local businesses. Make non-local businesses earn their keep.
Transportation	Make bicycles and walking higher priority then cars. Extend rail system to airport
Affordable and Good Value Government	The quality and quantity of municipal services need to be balanced against the cost of delivering those services and the impact that user fees and taxes have on citizens.
Encourage alternative energy source uses	Provide financial incentives re: the integration and installation of alternative energy devices such as solar panels, water collection devices, wind generators, and weatherization techniques to relieve stress on our energy grid and preserve natural resources.
S.M.A.R.T. Housing in SW, West and NW Austin	distribute more affordable housing on the western side of town. The S.M.A.R.T. intensive east side of town is K-I-L-L-I-N-G what should be desirable areas of town, such as the 78747 zip code. East Riverside,Dove Springs and the rest of SE Austin will never succeed if you keep funneling the poor people into it, and creating poor overcrowded parts of town, The CotA with international visitors won't come back if you show make the area of ABIA/CotA/Downtown a cesspool.
Kid Commute Options	Boltage programs in schools to increase walking and biking to school, and reduce vehicle traffic around the schools, creating healthy kids coming to school ready to learn. Reduces pollution around schools.
Children and their needs	The city needs to have a better handle of the needs of children for open space, pocket parks, safe corridors to walk or bike to school etc. There is no real mention of the needs of children who are the future of Austin
Improved Auto-Mobility	I am an individual, not a 'mass'. Mass transit does offer me the ability to go where I want, when I want. Just because we screwed up severely in the past, we don't need to contiune doing so. The 99.99% don't want their lives goverened by planners.
Prioritize Communication	In almost every incident having a negative impact on COA workers, COA best interest, and the taxpayers, communication breakdown is a huge factor. From how we communicate with each other as individuals to presenting arguments for budgeting or procedures, to emergency response, communication skills are critical. Focusing on skills in this area would have a huge positive impact.
Increased safe (no-kill) animal rescue facilities	There a millions of homeless animals in the urban area. These creatures have very little chance of life at present. If the city would institute a larger network of care facilities and a larger workforce, then countless lives could be saved and much needless suffering eliminated.
Update Land Use Regulations	Protect and maintain the Crestview, Brentwood, Hyde Park and Allendale single-family neighborhoods and encourage higher density in the University, Riverside and Downtown neighborhoods.

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IMPROVE ROADWAYS	AGAIN FOR THE FIFTEENTH STRAIGHT YEAR . . . NOVEL THOUGHT . . . THIS YEAR LET'S ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE OVERLY EXPENSIVE AND SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERUTILIZED TOLLWAYS AND MASS TRANSIT.
Preserve Austin's built heritage	Adapt, repurpose, and reuse Austin's historic building stock.
Impliment Impact Fees	the city needs to impliment impact fees for schools and transporation like it does for water and sewer.
Youth Safety and Out-of-School-Time Care	Children spend more time out of school than in school, so let's not forget all the out-of-school-time programs that keep children safe, help working families, and improve academic achievement.
All volunteer city council with term limits	All city council members to be unpaid volunteers like we had before 1972.
More DOG PARKS	Large **FENCED** safety area. **MAINTAINED! GRASS WATERED & CARED FOR!** PLAYSCAPE/AGILITY COURSE ** WATER STATIONS ** SPECIFIC SECTION FOR SMALLER BREEDS TO PLAY SAFELY FROM LARGER MORE RAMBUNCTIOUS BREEDS **
Slow down increase in housing prices in Central Austin	Prices for homes and apartments in Central Austin exclude or severely limit middle income earners. Develop sophisticated programs to reverse this e.g. Study factors for pricing, work on why land prices are so high, any code issues that drive up prices or code that makes development riskier.
Save East Austin Communties	I am concerned about the African-American Austinites, who conintue to live in East Austin losing thier heritage and their voice.
Create/redefine what affordable housing really means	There are not many affordable housing options for a family with 2 adult earning \$125,000 - \$190,000. We would love to live in the downtown area but can not begin to afford renting or purchasing housing in this area. Develop some type of affordable housing opportunities for this particular population - Create a survey and ask this particular group what they think about housing limits in Ausitn.
Austin Sprawl	Keeping Austin from being compact and tall.
Neighborhood planning, connectivity	Improved planning for decentralization around core neighborhoods, and the transport and connectivity thru rail, trail, bike, car between them
Local businesses for a healthy local economy	Encourage and enhance locally owned businesses through city policies that help locally owned businesses.
Energy	Increase implementation of clean energy in Austin
Trains!	Subway and/or elevated train. My goodness. Let's join the 21st century. If Ho Chi Minh City can build one, so can we!
Sustainability including Zero Waste	A sustainable economy doesn't waste resources and instead creates jobs with reducing, recycling, reusing and remanufacturing.
Not be so insular	Instead of trash-talking other cities in our state and appearing insular and untraveled, let's highlight what they may do better and consider emulating it.
Better bus system	Improve public transportation by increasing connectivity and times. spend money on improving bus rather than rail.
Environmentally Sensitive Growth	Manage growth and existing resources and services in a environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner. Need good parks so urbanites can experience outdoors. Continue push to Zero Waste resource management. Move to renewable energy sources. It is irresponsible for us to pollute the air Fayette County and the region so we can have cheaper energy.
this	this is very cool
Preserve Historic Austin	Preservation of austin's historic structures, streets and neighborhoods will protect Austin's character, and life qualitibes from greedy, self-interested development on every parcel in our community. this will also slow rapidly escalating appraisal and tax rates which are making Austin unaffordable for many.
PUBLIC SAFETY	Increase police officers and ambulances to protect from crime and safe victims of cardiac arrest.
FOOD	GROCERY STORES IN EAST AUSTIN!!!
Gentrification	Stop the gentification - stop dense packing the urban core area
Keep to the basics of streets, zoning and utilities	Limited government, please. Leave everything beyond the basics to charity and private businesses
improve education	increase the budget for AISD and greatly improve our school districts
Better inter-networking of City Departments	Leverage the talents and experience of our City Employees to mentor and cross train between departments. Knowledge grows when it is shared.

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Increase tree preservation and protection, and creek and preserves protection	Increase preservation and protection of trees, especially heritage trees. Increase protection of creeks, including from trails (buffer, trail shouldn't be built at the bottom of creek or on creek banks), to improve water quality and protect wildlife. Green interconnects should instead be green infrastructure that protects wildlife, creeks, and the environment everywhere, not just on the most sensitive zones of endangered species. Protect preserves and maintain restricted access to preserve these lands for future generations. Increase purchase of land for preserves with limited access.
Quality of life issue	Move the Shelters from downtown. People are paying hundreds of thousands of dollars to live downtown have to put with the transits around their homes. Make Austin's downtown look as beautiful as San Antonio's downtown
safety	being able to feel safe to walk in the neighborhood. and having quick response time for alarms and emergency calls.
Protection of city's character	Preserve open space; create new parks rather than increasing parking at existing ones (parks, not parking lots); preserve old neighborhoods, historic buildings, and their settings.
Incentivize the Use of Renewable Energy	
Planning for Semi-arid climate in Austin	Austin will likely become semi-arid in the next 2 decades if not sooner. We need to plan to accommodate this change in landscaping, water use in general, recreation, building guidelines and so on.
Buy preserve lands in sensitive areas	Continue to purchase land and acquire conservation easements to limit development over the Edwards Aquifer and in sensitive environments
Respect neighborhood plans	
Public Safety	To make all of Austin's neighborhoods including the one's in East Austin; as free from crime as any other part of Austin
use less fossil fuel	
Local Food Security	We must have local food security and water security.
reduce electricity and fuel consumption	
Sport facilities	More tennis courts and more soccer fields for the public
Energy self-sufficient and carbon neutral	Become the first city in the world to become energy self-sufficient and and carbon neutral by government, citizens and business.
Stricter Laws Regulating the Homeless/Panhandlers	Allow police to clean up the city by actually having judges enforce penalties for violations witnessed by citizens and/or officers. Enforce the the state law on panhandling from pedestrian to motorists, in particular, to lower incidents of auto collisions at intersections crawling with homeless people, which will also ensure the smooth flow of traffic through those intersections. Give those intersections back to actual PEDESTRIANS.
Provide adequate infrastructure for development	Our infrastructure is aging and does not provide enough capacity for future development. Invest and provide partnership agreements opportunities for developers
Quality Education for our Children	
Stop growth based on tax abatement	If Austin is such a wonderful place to live and raise ones family, large industry, any industry should be glad to pay to be here. Stop the tax incentives and abatements to bring new industry to Austin. We do not have the infrastructure to support growth, and with tax incentives we will not have money to grow our infrastructure!!
Family friendly activities	Organize activities or promote activities that families can participate with their children. Some of the bigger events organized currently such as the music festivals are targeted towards certain inerests or age groups.
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Complete Freeway Loop Around City SH45	Please ... Our City is the ONLY City of its size without at least 1 freeway loop around the City. We need to complete SH45 between I 35 and Hwy 290 West on the southwest side of the County. We are polluting our air with all of the congestion created by not building adequate roads.
Repair and expand the roads we already have	
Stacking paper	people need bread
Sustainability	Promote and expand renewable energy use. Develop city wide plan for composting. Maybe have composting bins or stations. Also address pet waste to allow for use of methane gas.
Light Rail	
Multiculturalism	The City of Austin values multiculturalism events and provides all its citizens equal access to planning, information dissemination, access and affordability to city-wide events as well as all City services.
Bridge east and west Austin	Focus on creating destinations in East Austin. Create incentives for retail to locate east of IH35. Focus on positive(non-industrial) development along 183S between IH35 and Hwy 71.

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Address Homeless Population	The homeless population continues to grow in Austin. Council needs to focus more attention on ways to reduce this population.
Managing City Property Taxes	Fair Property assements for the low economic areas.
Promote usage of solar energy, xeroscaping and other energy smart practices	Austin has extensive hot, sunny and dry summers. It reduces resident utility costs and help preserve nature resources if energy smart practices can be applied. Over the long term, we'll enjoy a more sustainable living environment.
Transportation for Cars	Traffic is a real problem. (Focus less on bikes.)
Allow unpaid tax foreclosed lots to be used for neighborhood community vegetable gardens	When land up goes for auction for unpaid taxes but is not sold, allowing that land to be used by the neighborhood for a community garden and after-school play area would increase safety in neighborhoods, allow volunteers to teach gardening in their own environment, provide local produce that the kids grew themselves, enhancing self esteem and better nutrition.
Cut Cost	Cut cost and spending by city employees. Travel, Cost of living expenses (if they want the job then they will move at their expense otherwise there is a local person that will take it!), high salaries for new exec. positions, new buildings,stop letting police take home vehicals that live out of city limits!!!(heck who wouldn't want to live in la grange or far out and own acres if they don't have to pay for gas like everyone else!!!).
Plentiful,Affordable, Sustainable,Safe, Local Food Sources	Public subsidized, local organic farms and ranches.
Improved Transportation for Cars, Trucks, Buses	De-emphasize any transportation improvements or funding for bicycles or rail of any kind. Focus on improving the predominant modes of transportation first.
Fix Roads on Eas William Cannon Road is terrible	
Parking	easy convenient parking is essential for all areas of Austin
Bypass Loop Roadways	Develop/complete a series of loops to allow thru-traffic to bypass Austin instead of traveling through it. Reduce traffic, and improve air quality. Specifically we need loops to connect IH35, Hwy 71, Hwy 290, and Hwy 183.
zero growth	stop the spread Austin is already too big
Transit - North and South	Rail going from downtown to the south, southwest; Buda, Kyle and Oak Hill; to the north Pflugerville, Round Rock, Georgetown. stop catering to Mueller and the Airport.
make growth pay for itself	all new development should more than pay for itself; current residents should not be forced to pay ever higher utility rates and taxes in order to make it cheaper for people to move here
Education	Better acces to Higher Education
Homeless and Crime	
Better Waste Management	Institute waste-disposal facilities that use waste to supply power to Austin instead of continuing to bury it.
Funding for bike lanes	Institute a registration system for bicycle commuters. 20 dollars a year or something like that. Each person that wants to bicycle to work or commute in some way needs to register and get a registration sticker. This money goes directly to funding for bike lanes as well as creates a license. This license would acknowledge the rules and laws that commuters should know and adhere to when using city streets to bike. Ex they would exhibit knowledge of hand signals, direction of traffic, equipment laws and etc.
Sustainable Food System	Make healthy, fresh food easily accessible and affordable all over Austin.
Equality	Equality for all citizens regardless of creed, color, ethnicity, religion, beliefs, heritige, birth place, gender, financial stability, or political affiliation. It's apparent this is not the case in the City of Austin.
Helping our Elders	Helping our elders here in the City with central air to be added in there homes. Also helping with food,clothing and bills.
Workforce Maintenance	Provide parking for city employees. Provide alternative options for events such as SXSW and other EXTREMELY disrupting events to the workforce. Or move them to another city.
Flex hours	Having each Austin employee be able to work 10 hours days and have the request be reviewed by someone other than the immediate supervisor. If 1000 employees were able to not drive to work on any given day, it would be a green idea.
Move Bicycles from Roadways.	Restrict Bicycles to designated streets or areas for exercise with Bicycles. Auto. Traffic and Bicycles do not work.
Single Member Districts	Austin needs geographic representation to balance the needs of each neighborhood and community in Austin.
Alternatives to Rail	Transportation Solutions that DO NOT Involve high-cost urban rail lines. Too much \$ to reach limited areas.
Ensure Equity of resources	Analyze use of City resources. Especially in light of the 57% increase in the Latino population in Austin over the past 10 years.

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Citizen Education on Affordable Living	Austinites are intelligent resourceful people. Keeping housing affordable means keeping or making it healthy, energy-efficient, and water-efficient. While the Green Building Program is doing a good job, homeowners need to know more about how to retrofit their homes (how to do-it-yourself or how to hire someone to design and install for you) with shading devices, water-saving and rain-catching devices, and low-VOC, no-added formaldehyde interior products.
Improved transportation for transit, bikes, walking (not cars)	
Economic Development	Improve Waller Creek in ways that will boost downtown economy
Local Artists	I would like to see more venues and opportunities for local artists to display and sell their art.
Invest in Green Ideas	Look into adding more green infrastructure through solar energy, better use of empty land such as urban community gardens, outreach to communities how to invest in their yard through urban farmin efforts, continue in efforts to create a 0 waste Austin through continued recycling efforts-expanding to local restaurants and bars, composting, helping communities understand land waste and water usage. Continue to expand and start these pilot projects in lower income populations. Investing in green energy will also bring in jobs into the community. Continue with green energy job and education support. Use the ideas and knowledge of local nonprofits who have already have and continue to establish these ideas in our community
IMPROVE FOR TRUCKS AND AUTOS	Focus on 90% of public who drive motorized vehicles
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Increase renewable energy use	Solar, wind, etc
Create a Sustainable and Accessible Local Food System	
Stop!	Stop the growth insanity NOW!!! Austin is well on its way to total destruction. There are plenty who are lining their pockets who should not be. Many original Austinites have left with sadness because what we once had will never be again.
Reliable Mass Transit	Urban rail, set bus loops around the urban core with 5-minute waits at any given stop, bring back the 'Dillo...whatever it takes to make it feasible to get people out of their cars.
Improved transportation for anything/everything other than cars...	Cars are a relic and already get way too much of our infrastructure spending. Get serious about alternatives.
Protect and Improve Neighborhoods	Recognize the value of good neighborhoods by protecting those that work and improving those that don't or need to work better. Respect the good ideas that went into Neighborhood Plans.
Improved Transportation for non-car options in Austin	
Value neighborhoods	City staff should partner with and encourage neighborhoods, not just focus on downtown.
Properly funded social services	Minimize poverty, hunger and homelessness
Single-Stream Recycling for Apartments	
Strengthen our local food system	Austin is an innovative and progressive city rich with land resources. We have the opportunity to become a healthier and more environmentally sustainable city by encouraging and supporting the production and consumption of fresh, healthy produce. Let's support our local farms and save space and offer support for community gardens.
Protect Edwards Aquifer	The Edwards Aquifer is one of our most important and precious resources. Changes need to be made in our land use regulations which would offer more protection and preservation for the aquifer. Transportation plans need to be adjusted to make aquifer protection a top priority when addressing our transportation needs.
Viable jobs	A plan to have viable jobs in the area to afford housing.
NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS ARE PRIORITY, HONORED AND NOT OVERWRITTEN	All neighborhoods should have a neighborhood plan before the comprehensive plan is adopted. Those neighborhoods that don't currently have a plan should develop one before the comp plan is finalized. This ensures equal representation and will avoid lawsuits. Then, all neighborhood plans should have priority and not be overwritten by the comp plan.
Optimize Civil Engineering for Minimum Travel	Facilitate pocket neighborhoods, wherein local businesses such as organic grocers, hardware stores, and other needs are available within a safe walking / biking distance to residents. Incentivize employer-employee relations for short travel distances to work.
Preserve mixed fabric in central residential communities	Ensure that development pursuits and updates of city rules preserve the ability of existing homeowners to remain in their homes and communities. Creative economic development, if not managed with this goal, can bring unmanageable property tax increases; new business area development can bring intolerable traffic encroachment into the residential street itself. Areas of concern: Harmon terrace, berkman
Affordable Utilities and Taxes	Quit increasing property taxes and utilities.

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Neighborhood Associations	Better communication with neighborhood associations - and give them voice at decision making plans and changes to their community.
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Improve Government Efficiency	There is much overlap and confusion with the City of Austin departments and staff. Streamline the organization and improve training to improved consistency among staff and with other agencies and the public. Improve the transparency of all operations.
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Be more fiscally conservative with taxpayers money	Try not spending hard working taxpayers money on non-essential items and focus on the most important items.
Sustainable Community	Affordable cost of living with great schools and management and protection of vital resources.
Diversity of housing options, including single family	
Keep Public Pensions	The movement to switch to 401K type pension plan is a failed idea that does not entice long term employment, increases turnover, and will cost the COA more in the long term.
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Smaller Government	Less regulation, more business friendly.
City Council Accountability	Have elected officials responsibl for what they do, how they spend
Community Resources/Organizations/Projects	Create ways for the whole community, even those with the least funds, to learn, grow, relate and be involved so that those people in it better connect and show respect. Provide research, funding, programs, etc. to support those organizations/projects being developed, maintained and expanded when successful. This may include better funding for the public libraries, pre (at risk youth) and post-incarceration mentoring, green/recycling awareness and so on.
1. What happens to our neighborhood plans? 2. Does Imagine Austin eliminate compatability standards that require a certain distance between commercial and residential properties? 3. Who will pay for t	
Invest More on the City Employees	Have more functions that involve employees' family and co-workers from other city departments to insure that employees know people from different places around the city and what they do to promote customer service. Well known fact that when employees are happy on what they do for the customers of Austin the more they show customers that we do care about how they feel about us.
Well-equipped and adequately staffed Police Dept	
Effective coordination of city needs and services	Managing a town requires very effective coordination of all city resources, services, planning, etc. to really make it a great city.
Saftey	Provide Adequate Emergency Personnel (Police, Fire, EMS)
Urban Prairie Restoration	Replace existing water intensive lawns with healthy, affordable and sustainable Urban Prairie grassland. For more information contact: Max.machicek@gmail.com
Increase Public Safety to reduce crime and remain a safe city	Expand the number of police officers to decrease response time while maintaining officer safety. Allow upgrade of poilce equipment to include vehicles and other city issued equipment to ensure a safe, thriving police fore that is ready to handle any situation thrown its way in any condition. A well staffed, updated police force will continue to ensure the safe rating of this city and the safety of its citizens.

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JOB TRAINING REFRESHER	Provide one on one training while @ work , handbook training to use as a refresher .
City Staff acknowledgement	City employees have been given minimal raises over the past few years due to the economy while inflation, gas & food prices have sky rocketed, often requiring a lot of employees to seek a second job to make ends meet. Instead of spending \$120 million on a library, how about give some DECENT raises to the people that make this city what it is. The EMPLOYEES.
Public Safety	Police, Fire EMS
Elevated Light Rail	Elevated light rail lines along major roads
Green Austin	Making Austin greener. No plastic bags, more recycling options, solar powered homes businesses, transportation...etc.
Better Public Transportation	Improve Bus and Commuter Trains in and around Austin so that Public Transportation may better serve all Citizens, living in all sides of town and at all times throughout the day and week.
Public Safety	Safe Community where my family will not be robbed or killed
Improved transportation for cars	
Lower Property Taxes for Urban Residents	This is different than affordable housing -- we must shift the tax base from property to income to be fairer to everyone.
Panhandling On Public Roadways	Create laws to stop the intrusive and unsafe practice of soliciting for donations at roadways and intersections in this city.
Compact, connected city	Prioritize all transportation and other infrastructure expenditures in such a way as to promote a compact, connected city
Public Safety	Increase Police Officers due to rising crime rates for a more visible presence,
more emergency personel	we need money for the police dept, fire department and ems. without these lifelines we dont have a safe and healthy city. please take care of these three. they need more personel, new equipment and newer vehicles.
Re-Vitalize Austin	Solve the homeless problem, educate the poor and re-build/re-energize poorer sections of the city
Significantly increase bicycle commuting	Expand existing bike lane network, add more bike racks across the city, conduct studies and surveys to identify areas needing bicycle infrastructure.
Take care of Austinites	Watch spending and control current spending and allocations. Invest in the people we have.
Improve infrastructures specifically roadways around the city and those east and west.	
Safety	More police and firefighters.
Relieve Traffic Congestion	
Charge for special events, not for everyday use of public parks	The city is starting to charge its citizens money to enjoy there public parks. Lets try to keep from having to pay a fee to enjoy every park in austin. Also lets have the city put on some big revenue venues (concerts, festivals, gatherings, ect.) in park system. (Auditorium shores, commons ford ranch, the great lawn, Fiesta Gardens, the botanical gardens, ect.). The city has an amazing environment and amazing people. Lets put them together in ways to keep both of them happy.
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business taxes	low taxes and incentives for new business.
A Safe Place To Live	More Police Officers to PATROL areas instead of always responding to 911 calls.
Prioritize Rail/Bus/Walking first, then Cars	Focus on compacted communities with excellent public and human-powered transit, less focus on personal autos.
Clean Up Drug Ridden Neihborhoods	Invest in the police to put resources in the neighborhoods where drugs abd prostitution exist in an open air market. Everyone knows where these areas are, let's wipe them out or at make it very difficult for the drug sellers to operate in.
Maintaining our natural landscapes	Maintain our natural landscapes and beauty throughout the city
invest heavily in alternative cheap transportation: Bicycles!!!!	help accomplish top priorities by: Discouraging privately owned car useage...make it expensive, slow and ridiculous: encourage car share, buses (own dedicated lanes), peds, bikes. Start with the cheapest (pedestrian, bikes, cabs, buses, trains) before EVER worrying about expanding single car usage.
Public Safety	
Remove the Copious Regulations	
High Quality and Affordable Child Care Options for Working Families	Invest in childhood development and keep families safe and healthy by providing sliding scale childcare options of equal quality for all families with working parents in Austin. This includes after school care, infant and young children and summer camps. Currently it is too expensive and too limited for middle class families to afford and many children are in dangerous and unregulated child care situations.

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Improve Transportation for Vehicles	Mass transit and Biking do not work in the high humidity and heat of central Texas. More effort needs to be done in improving vehicular traffic in and around Austin. If Mass transit must be forced up the citizens, air conditioned walkways should be installed throughout the downtown corridor. This conditioned walkway will allow foot traffic move around town above street level and commuters will not be untenable for the business day from the heat and humidity.
Improved transportation for cars	No more toll roads
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Public Safety	Add more police officers and ambulances to protect the citizens from crime and death.
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Monorail	To get around town.
Encourae Dense, Mixed-Use, Infill Development	Replace current F.A.R.-based zoning with form-based code that generally allows for far greater densities and heights and a mix of uses. Eliminate minimum parking requirements and establish parking limits instead. Tax low density developments at a higher rate than high density developments.
Mass Transit (NOT CARS)	We cannot prioritize cars any longer and protect the other important qualities to our community.
Preserve and sustain Austin's historic and cultural resources	
Government Waste	Reduce government waste through subjecting contractors to strict timelines with penalties and incentives. I'm tired of seeing 3 guys watching one guy dig a hole. It happens all of the time.
Real Transportation	Fix the roads. Build managed lanes with bus rapid transit. Synchronize traffic lights. Balance growth where there is existing transportation. Stop forcing density - it creates congestion and does adequate to support rail transit. Allow para-transit/jitney service. Endorse cellular transit plans.
Realistic and Regional	A regional vision flexible in nature and based on economic realities designed to accommodate a diversity of business and personal income levels.
Affordable High Quality Early Care and Education	High Quality Early Education for at risk children helps families break the cycle of poverty. By supporting families in our community obtain high quality early care and education, we can increase school readiness, decrease referrals to special education, decrease at risk youth behavior increase high school graduation rates, decrease health costs, and increase home ownership. THIS is a known return on investment for communities, and is the best point at which to achieve Austin's entire vision.
Outdoor noise abatement	Outdoor music is too loud, unnecessary, gratuitous noise pollution in the Austin urban environment.
Do not Dallas my Austin!!	Please Please Please do NOT bring noise ordinances to the uber rich people who recently moved downtown want to ruin the Music Capital of the Wold: Austin, TX. The few rich people pushing to silence downtown Austin have the most influence and will forever alter downtown if they have their way. The money and influence they have to quiet downtown Austin and turn it's uniqueness into another Dallas or whatever other city seriously needs to be stopped. They are the only ones complaining of the issue but they moved to downtown knowing _fully_ that people in Austin _love_ their music and gather to listen to it primarily downtown. Shame on the hubris elitist living atop castles downtown yelling at the common folk. Please consider this message! Thank You!!
Single Member Disricts	Many of the City's problems can be traced to a broken political structure.
Make growth pay for itself, reduce property taxes and place a two-year moratorium on any HUD or Austin Housing Authority projects in East or Northeast Austin	
Regulating downtown outdoor music/noise	Enjoying music in Austin is very important, BUT the noise levels at some of the outdoor venues needs to be regulated better. I'm sure there are regulations now, but either they are not being enforced, or need to be updated. The noise level is too loud for outdoors. Indoor venues can make it as loud as they need, but preserve some of the peace of downtown.
out door noise control	better control of the volume level of outdoor noise at night down town

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Noise Issue	The outdoor noise from music and musicians is out of control. It makes it hard to talk to co-workers let alone having a conversation with a spouse while walking outside.
city noise	
Improved alternatives to transportation by car	Better connected sidewalks and trails, removed from the busiest streets or with more distance from traffic, are sorely needed in our neighborhoods. More bike lanes. Expanded rail and/or bus service, especially on weekends and nights to downtown and entertainment areas would be fantastic.
getting downtown outdoor music noise under control	getting downtown outdoor music noise under control
Deal with downtown outdoor music issues!	We answered the mayor's call to move downtown. But now we feel like hostages in the 2nd street district due to the incredibly loud outdoor music from the Warehouse district 7 nights a week. This situation is NOT livable! A solution badly needs to be found.
Outdoor Noise Pollution	This effects every aspect of home living downtown. I hear it everyday, all the time.
Over Rule Environmental Efforts That Stop Needed Roads and Other Transportation Improvements	Rule in favor of helping the vast majority get around the area by not letting any group calling themselves environmental folk stop efforts such as the linking of 45 and 1626.
Downtown music noise issues	
Strip clubs on 6th	
Downtown noise pollution	
Abandon light rail and focus on building adequate roads for people who reject "compact" cities	As evidenced by the number of times it took the city to get light rail approved by voters, it is <u>not</u> a popular choice. Learn from the debacles associated with it so far and stop pushing it. Use the funds thus saved to support a city that is not so compact. Cramming everything into walking distance fascinates a vocal minority, but does not necessarily work for everyone. I happen to like having a proper house with walls that can block the sounds of my neighbors. Living in the suburbs is a trivial price to pay for that isolation.
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Preserve and Celebrate our Unique Qualities	Preserve, protect, celebrate and support the built and natural qualities that make our city the place where we chose to live. Through this priority, preserve historic buildings, live music venues, natural beauty, parks, and locally owned businesses.
Improve City Aesthetics	Bury utility lines, remove billboards, etc
Safety and Security	A community where residents have a sense of safety and security, with low criminal rates, lighted areas, police patrol.
Add Urban Green Spaces	MAny planned developments do not add new destination urban parks- example work on Airport and Highland Mall re-development
Infrastructure and Public Utilities	Repair aging infrastructure in older neighborhoods. Invest in MORE public utilities to lower costs for everyone and increase green investments.
Downtown outdoor music noise	
Regional and flexible	A regional plan, flexible in nature and based on economic realities designed to accomodate a diversity of business and personal income levels.
Healthy, Stable Neighborhoods	Neighborhoods should be definable and have stable zoning, attention and maintenance to infrastructure, and appropriate City facilities and services at intervals that support the livability of the city. Tools for this include historic and conservation districts and neighborhood plans.
Preserve historic assets for social equity and sustainability	
Arts for Austin	Arts in schools to develop well-rounded students (including dance, theater, music). More public art. More community involvement in arts.
Stop Spending!	Stop spending soooo much money. Make city government more responsible, more efficient, and more effective. Stop the waste! However, there is going to be spending and the rest of the priorities I suggest, obviously require spending, but this is not intended to be hypocritical. Really, stop spending on studies and wasteful projects.
Limit litter and noise pollution	Enforce ordinances against littering and noisy cars (bass).
Vibrant Private Sector Economy	We need a strong private sector economy to create jobs and spin off revenues to make investments in other areas.
Water conservation	Encourage water conservation; rain water catchment like in Hawaii and other cities

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Grow and Invest in Families Living in the Urban Core	The Urban Core of Austin, while increasing in population, is losing its appeal to larger household, especially those with school-age children. Whereas many dense thriving cities- for example New York, Paris, Rome, and Tokyo-- have housing options, schools, parks, entertainment, shopping and other amenities that allow them to maintain populations with children, the housing market in the urban core of Austin has shifted to denser products, mid-rise, high-rise, condos, lofts and apartments that are targeting empty-nesters and singles, and small households without children. The CBD has shifted from a mix of office, retail and entertainment to a predominantly entertainment district and this has created conflicts with the new residential population. Schools in the urban core are emptying. To remain a diverse, and thus economically healthy city, ways to encourage families to live in the urban core should be fostered.
Resource based economy that addresses all these priorities	Bring about a global economic resource based model that supports all the citizens of Austin .
Stop Raising Property Taxes	Cut useless spending!!! Lead by example. Keep city costs under control.
Develop a Sustainable Austin Plan	Use the Comprehensive planning process to balance urban density, rail transit, economic development, energy diversification, water conservation, and cultural events to create a integrated plan for Austin.
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Prepare and Plan	Prepare for global, world-class Formula 1 racing audience. Plan for year-round Racers/Trainers/Conference Attendees using the Circuit of the Americas facility.
Grow and Invest in Local Economy	This catagory is similar to another in the pre-made list, however, without the specialization on creativity. Creativity can sustain itself - somewhat by definition. We should not pigeon-hole funds strictly for the creative arts. There should continue to be funds, opportunities, and programs for all types of business development, including large corporations which bring jobs.
affordable housing	cheap housing for cheap labor.
Arts and Culture	More museums, libraries, and book stores. Emphasis on local businesses opening in urban core, not more nationwide franchises
Streamline permitting	Almost impossible to get through bureaucracy to build/improve property.
Make Development Pay For Itself	Require developers to actually pay for the infrastructure required for the development - includes raising current fees in lieu of and other such actions.
SPEND MORE MONEY ON ROADS	AUTHORIZE TRANSPORTATION BONDS FOR ROADS ONLY. DON'T INCLUDE BIKE LANES AND TRANSIT IN THE SAME BOND ISSUE AS ROADS.
We need more roads neighborhoods	Widen Mopac; improve 360 as a limited access highway; and make Koenig Lane a cross-town expressway. protect neighborhoods
Natural Vegetation/ Landscaping	In order to properly conserve the recreational uses of area lakes and value of our hill country and reduce draining water form area lakes and pumping excess water from ground wells the city should identify and target landscape policies, requirements and rules; including developers, golf courses, parks, MUD / POA for implementing only natural vegetation native to Central Texas to be distributed, sold and installed in new and replacement landscapes so excess watering is NOT required.
Loop Road around Austin	
City planning / layout	Long-term plan for smart layout as city grows, with regard to zoning and design.
improved transportation for cars	
Increase Density	Allow automatic upzoning from single-family to duplex, and duplex to four-plex. Remove all restrictions on mixed-use along core arterials. Do away with McMansion ordinance.

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A regional vision flexible in nature and based on economic realities designed to accommodate a diversity of business and personal income levels	Austin is at the center of one of the fastest growing regions in this country. A comprehensive plan without a regional focus will be worthless. Additionally, the plan will sit on a shelf if it is not based on economic realities and flexible enough to accomodate a wide range of business and personal income.
Grow and Invest in Overall Economy	The Comprehensive Plan should address the need to invest in the overall economy, not limit the City to investing in just one subsector of the economy as listed in the Idea Farm above.
Educated and fulfilled citizenry	We need to lose the emphasis on education to fulfill economic goals and to focus on fostering talents and education that result in a vibrant and productive populace. The people will drive the economy, not the other way around. Too much recent emphasis has been on what some outside source wants, and we are failing to nurture human beings who can follow their passions to greater accomplishment. That was one of the original values that made this city great.
Better metrics	When the city is asked to assist economic development, either through direct investment or waiver of fees, the city needs to have clear metrics regarding what the city is going to get for its investment. The city should carefully examine the case for each request and should follow-up and see whether the metrics are being met. It is important that the city get the best benefit for taxpayers overall.
Economic and regional realities	The plan should reflect the economic diversity of the community as well as fit into a regional plan.
Roads!	We need to build SH45 southwest and a cross town parkway (maybe use Airport Blvd and Koenig lane)
ACHIEVE A DENSE, COMPACT CITY	Focus development in areas within the existing City, and away from suburban areas, sensitive environments, agricultural areas, and other greenfields. Redevelope brownfields and other underutilized areas FIRST, then build outwards in the future !!
Traffic congestion relief	Improve the existing transportation system to close gaps for better connectivity (SH 45 SW, arterials to SH 130) and better operations (managed lanes for IH 35, Mopac, US 183, SH 360)
Improved Transportation for Cars (not Bikes or walking)	Improved Transportation for Cars (not Bikes or walking)
Control Growth	Do we really have to have fast growth to be a viable, healthy, Austin?
Reduce Regulations	Reduce government regulations in private enterprise ventures.
APD	More education to police officers and African American males.
clean energy	clean energy does not involve coal, oil, sand tars, and especially not nuclear.
Bootstrap Austin	Make Austin a Great Place for Startups and Small Firms
Reduce Regulatory Burden	Austin has the most most expensive regulatory burden in Texas that raises the price of housing in our city and keeps our teachers, firefighters, police and other public employees from being able to afford to live closer to work. This then forces the longer commutes to work which adds to traffic congestion. If Austin would reduce the regulatory burden then the private sector job creators and developers can provide the more reasonably priced housing closer to the central city.
Improve Transportation for Moter Powered Vehicles	Build Roads. Improve intersection efficiency. Stop reducing the capacity of existing and future roadways with bike lanes.
Shrink Government	Cut back only to essential services and not a bunch of fluff. Taxes are too high and pay for too many frilly services in the arts, music, etc. Fire, trash, police, permitting, inspection, muni court are key services. Run the city like a business. Cut back on boards and commissioners which take too much staff overhead and the decisions likely get changed at council anyway. Put a limit on council meeting times and cut council members salaries in half. The list goes on and on. The city buildings, landscaping and vehicle fleet are nicer that what many people own.
SH 45 SW	Complete SH 45 SW in some form ASAP.
Wasting Money.	Stop wasting money on programs like this one.
Protect natural areas	Redirect development from natural areas by reusing developed land, creating dense multi-use urban areas.
Develop Non-Traditional Funding	Great ideas don't go far without some funding. Rather than wait for a windfall, perhaps Imagine Austin could weave in concepts to make proposals more sustainable. Granular sponsorships that let people buy, say, a seat on light rail for the city? Surplus materials for construction? Mixed-use schools/churches that double as performance space or housing after hours?
mental health and substance abuse service	We need improved access through increased City involvement,
Mental Health Services	

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Control Development on a Regional Level	Austin would need to grow upward and not outward to successfully support many of the proposed plans, especially transit, water use, and increased access to services. This includes infill development, promoting mixed used development, and density within the city, but also providing disincentives to continuously moving outward to Cedar Park, Round Rock, Manor, Leander, Georgetown, Buda, Wimberley, Kyle, etc., etc., etc.
House the Homeless	Austin has the opportunity to make sure everyone has a home. Period.
Restructure Work Week	Incentives for Companies who reduce the carbon footprint by lowering/reducing/eliminating emissions from employees by restructuring to provide employees options to: work from home, 4-day workweek, flex-hours (outside normal commutes), increase and streamline public transports operational hours, etc. How do you give incentives for people who choose to live within 3 miles of their work, and have their children attend the local neighbourhood schools... thus reducing their commute hours, reducing congestion, and reducing toxic emissions.
more fruit trees	self explanatory
more fruit trees	pretty self explanatory
Sustainable Food System	Support of local and sustainable agriculture in the Austin region; promotion of healthy eating.
Maintain Ecological Services	Take into account our communities use of natural resources and
Monorail	grade separated rail
Monorail	Grade separated rail is the only way to go.
Manage Air Quality	Use of lower-polluting fuel (natural gas, electricity), emission controls, outdoor burning controls, etc.
Efficient Government	Use of IT and other modern technologies to make delivery of government services "faster, better, cheaper"
More natural areas	We need to set aside more natural lands for the needs of wildlife, with the minimum of human disturbance.
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Improve quality of public schools	Improve quality of public schools
Affordability	Utility rates increasing 13% in one year (zap), 61% increase in water by 2016 (gulp), city services decreasing,...if we lose the affordability we have presently this will be a less attractive place to live. This priority will be to maintain a balance between natural rising costs and what our citizens can afford to pay (all citizens).
Improved transportation	Cars, rail..etc (this should not be muddled with walking, bikes...or less realistic commuting options based on the current sprawl we already face)
Local Food Systems	Incorporate the recommendations made by the Sustainable Food Policy Board in order to secure a local food safety net for the City.
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Monorail	By far the only reasonable solution to traveling around the city. Grade-separated monorail is the only solution.
Rail to western etj	There is a big need for commuter rail to bee cave. Lakeway and Four Points
Regulations.	Eliminate regulations in order to make Austin more Business friendly.
Energy	Do not buy expensive energy from non-competitive offers.
Improve Biking Access	Austin needs more dedicated bike lanes
Establish "no kill" animal shelters	Like get with the 21st century bro, no need to kill little Scoob.
Mcmansion	Eliminate this ordinance
Streetcars Please	
Environmental Consciousness.	The need for zero waste is long overdue. Recycling and composting should be everywhere. Recycling should be mandated in all areas of the city!
	What I like: Austin's conscious consumerism; music venues/free music; lots of social activities; local food/drinks and businesses; improvements in public transit.☺
	What could be better: More efficient public transportation- like London! More promotion and education about local, social, environmentally conscious consumers-- big chains out!
Lone Star Rail	
property tax education and caps to keep people in the homes	
Independent Education Systems	

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Priority not listed: Keep property taxes at a reasonable level	Not funding boondoggles and bad ideas.
Economy growth priority	Develop a talented, home growth workforce with trade schools: electrical, plumbing and carpentry. Using Junior Achievement program volunteers.
Water resources	I agree with the objective in the initiative in the survey but the recent city council vote to approve a water treatment plant is in strong contradiction to the described initiatives in the Imagine plan.
Healthy Austin	Why do we only have one community clinic? Need more community clinics. Definitely need city initiative to reduce teenage pregnancy- if we were successful. The state could model COA program.
Promote sustainable local food production and preserve farm land.	
Dense, Compact City	Austin needs to dramatically change its land use rules to allow for much higher density throughout most of the central city.
Dense, Tall, Compacted Downtown	Austin has a very limited area in which downtown can develop. We should eliminate height restrictions and FAR limits throughout downtown.
Rail Transit	We should construct a subway system, beginning in downtown, together with unlimited density in the entire downtown area, so that we can accommodate enough residents who can live and travel within the central city.
Neighborhood-Level governance.	Empower diverse stakeholders to implement, monitor and update comp plan in their neighborhoods.
Update Land Codes and other to accountability for compliance with comp plan is necessary to everything	
Turn Austin Healthy and Organic and self sufficient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Educate people about genetically modifies food. -Get it out of the schools and hospitals. -eat more local
Lone Star Rail sounds great!!	Get to Dallas and/or San Antonio without driving on I35. 2nd this! 3rd this!
Make more incentives to conserve water.	
Late night rail service so we can take it to the bar.	
Updating land use tools and zoning code is a must!	The vision of Imagine Austin is commendable, but you must have the tools to implement.